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Attorney Docket No.: AVALUC-01701

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: ) Group Art Unit: 2143  
Louis Bouchard ) Examiner: Dennison, Jerry  
Serial No.: 09/697,113 ) **TRANSMITTAL LETTER**  
Filed: October 25, 2000 ) 162 North Wolfe Road  
For: **INSTANT MESSAGE** ) Sunnyvale, California 94086  
**NOTIFICATION APPLICATION** ) (408) 530-9700  
Customer Number 28960

MS: Petition  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Enclosed please find a Petition for Refund of Paid 3 Month Extension of Time Fee including Exhibit A and Exhibit B for filing with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fee or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 08-1275. **An originally executed duplicate of this transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.**

Respectfully submitted,

HAVERSTOCK & OWENS LLP

Dated: October 15, 2004

By: Thomas B. Haverstock

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Applicant hereby petitions for refund of three month extension of time fee for the following reasons:

1. The Office mailed a Final Office Action on April 15, 2004. Within the Final Office Action, a shortened statutory period for reply was set to expire 3 months from the mailing date.
2. Applicant filed an Amendment and Response to Final Office Action on June 15, 2004, which was within the 2 month time frame for receiving an Advisory Action from the Office. Exhibit A includes a copy of the Certificate of Mailing showing the mailing date to be June 15, 2004. Exhibit B includes a copy of the return receipt postcard showing that the Office received the Applicant's Amendment and Response to Final Office Action on June 22, 2004.
3. Applicant received an Advisory Action on October 9, 2004. The Advisory Action was mailed by the Office on October 6, 2004.

4. The Applicant filed a Notice of Appeal and paid the 3 month extension of time fee, \$980.00, on October 15, 2004.
5. The Applicant requests a refund of the paid 3 month extension of time fee, \$980.00, as it is due to the lack of an Advisory Action from the Office that delayed the reply from the Applicant beyond the 3 month shortened statutory period for reply.

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Sir:

Enclosed please find an Amendment and Response to the Final Office Action mailed on April 15, 2004 for filing with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fee or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 08-1275. An originally executed duplicate of this transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,  
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Dated: June 15, 2004

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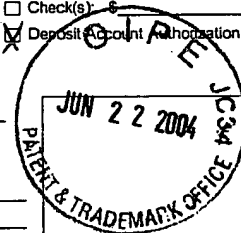
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